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FORMER NFL PLAYER CONVICTED

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal jury in Pecos, Texas, found 27 year-old Lennox Constantine Gordon, aka James Nails, guilty of conspiracy to possess marijuana, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and obstruction of justice. He was taken into custody pending sentencing which is set for April 2006.

Evidence at trial showed that Gordon was a former Indianapolis Colt and Buffalo Bill who also played football at the University of New Mexico. He was released from the Colts in 2001.

Beginning in March 2002, Gordon and his accomplices conspired to distribute approximately 700 pounds of marihuana. On June 14, 2002, one of Gordon's co-conspirators was apprehended at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint with a 305 pound marijuana load. Evidence showed that Gordon and others hired a professional car hauler to transport marijuana from Phoenix, Arizona to Atlanta, Georgia. Gordon was also convicted of harassing the car hauler by instructing him on what to say to law enforcement regarding the apprehended marihuana load.

Gordon faces up to forty years in federal prison. This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Jay Miller and Jeff Parras.

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